

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 12151
Date 1 December 2015

Abuse in Madrassas and Mosques

Request:

1. The number of complaints or allegations you have received, or been notified of, relating to the sexual abuse of a child or children on the premises of a madrassa or mosque in the following calendar years: a) 2012, b) 2013, c) 2014 and d) 2015 so far.

Nil

2. For each allegation in question 1, please state:
 - a) whether it was investigated and if so how,
 - b) whether the police became involved,
 - c) whether there was a full criminal inquiry,
 - d) whether there was a prosecution,
 - e) the details of any disciplinary action taken against individuals concerned,
 - f) and if the matter was not pursued, please provide the reasons why and information on the ultimate outcome of each matter.

N/A

3. The number of complaints or allegations you have received, or been notified of, relating to the physical abuse of a child or children on the premises of a madrassa or mosque in the following calendar years: a) 2012, b) 2013, c) 2014 and d) 2015 so far.

April 2013 – allegation of physical chastisement.

4. For each allegation in question 3, please state:
 - a) whether it was investigated and if so how,
This was dealt with under the provisions of Section 47 of the Children Act 1989.
 - b) whether the police became involved,
Yes
 - c) whether there was a full criminal inquiry,
Yes
 - d) whether there was a prosecution,
Yes
 - e) the details of any disciplinary action taken against individuals concerned,

Mosque dismissed the person from the employment as an Iman

- f) and if the matter was not pursued, please provide the reasons why and information on the ultimate outcome of each matter.

N/A

5. Whether your council has ever been involved in safeguarding awareness work with madrassas and/or mosques in your area and what form that has taken.
The Council and the Safeguarding Children Board are working proactively with local faith groups including representatives from Mosques/Madrassas in Wolverhampton.
6. The number of madrassas currently known to be teaching children in your council area.
There is one, independent Islamic school in Wolverhampton which is linked to a Mosque. The Council is working with the school/mosque to identify and support any other Madrassas in the city.